

I hereby certify that, on the date indicated above, I deposited this paper with identified attachments and/or fee with the U.S. Postal Service and that it was addressed for delivery to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231 by "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service.

Sandra Stocklenki
Signature

20
NIAL

[illegible]

)

)

)

)

)

)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

October 11, 2001

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and examination of the above-identified new continuation patent application, please amend the application as follows:

Please substitute the following amended parts of the specification as indicated in the above-identified application. (A version of the amended specification with markings to show the changes made is also attached.)

Please delete the paragraph beginning on line 4 and ending on line 6 of page 1 and insert the following: